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REMARKS

Claim 1-20 remain in the application with claims 1, 10, 11 and 20 being independent. Claims 10 and 20 have been allowed and claims 3-9 and 13-19 have been indicated as allowable.

The objections to the specification and the claims have been overcome by this amendment.

Dependent claims 3 and 13 recite the margin of patentable novelty; to wit, the laterally extending foot flange (50). Accordingly, this limitation has been incorporated into claims 1 and 11, with conforming amendments made to intermediate claims 2 and 12. Claims 3 and 13 have been further amended to recite the threaded connection of the foot (40) to the flange (50).

Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby

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authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted

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